

**REMARKS****STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Applicants have corrected the deficiencies noted by the Examiner in the Notice of a Non-Compliant Amendment. In the Response to Notice of Non-Compliant dated July 24, 2007, claim 26, line 3, after the letter “N,” the period was erroneously omitted. This claim was properly identified as Previously Presented and should not be identified as “Currently Amended.” By way of this amendment, claim 26, line 3, the period after the letter “N” has been reinserted. This amendment raises no new issues or new matter. Claims 17-22, 23-28, and 30 are pending in the present application and under examination. Claim 29 is withdrawn and claims 1-16, and 23 are canceled.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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